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UMass LOL football sends Minutemen retreating

Hannah Montana DisConnector Editor

The UMass LOL football team had their 114th victory of the season as they routed UMass Amherst, 255-0 on the Recreation Center lawn. The four fans in attendance had a rollicking time, seeing their hated rival be embarrassed in front of the entirety of East

This game will live on as the highest scoring game of all time in football history, crushing Georgia Tech's record of 222 points. It was a thrilling thing to witness, one of the four fans said.

UMass LOL went in hard on the Minutemen, taking advantage of their knowledge of their home field in order to bob and weave around Amherst's bumbling players to score on them continuously.

At the end of the first quarter, the UMass LOL led Amherst 85-0. Instead of taking pity on the struggling visitors, the River Hawks pressed on and gutted the Minutemen at every opportunity.

"This victory was absolutely an incredible thing to be a part of," said a player who was too excited to give his name. "It's always great to beat Amherst, on a real football field or not. In fact, I would have taken this anytime, anywhere. In fact, I demand a rematch, just so we can do it again."

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Segway cop chases chain smoker off campus

Mary Jane

The UMass LOL police department released a statement recently saying they would begin enforcing the "smoke-free campus" initiative after several complaints that students have largely ignored the school's attempts to discourage smoking on campus. The statement said, "Officers will utilize their T3 Patrollers, or three-wheel patrol vehicles, to watch for those disobeying the smoke-free campus initiative. Officers have the ability to give warnings or fines to those who resist and peacefully walk students to the nearest off-campus location."

The extent of the T3 officers' power was revealed last Thursday outside the Health and Social Sciences Building on South Campus. A male student, who would like to remain anonymous, had been chain smoking there, ignoring those who asked him to step off campus. T3 Officer Daniel Roland arrived at the scene with a megaphone. He first warned the



In an effort to enforce UMass LOL's smoking ban, segway cops like the one ▶ See "Segway," page 3 above use their wheels to help the unversity "share the air."

Housing lottery winners select Concordia Hall

Craig Shilo DisConnector Editor

In a shocking turn of events, students with the first 10 selections in this year's UMass LOL housing selection chose to live in Concordia Hall for the 2016-17 academic year.

"We're serious about our education, and we didn't want a fancy residence hall or a tight-knit community to distract us," said one of the Beat the System housing lottery winners following the event.

The surprising selection was felt around the campus, according to Residence Life director John Neary.

"This was completely unprecented," Neary said in disbelief. "In all of my years here, I've never seen Concordia picked in with any of the first 1,000



In the hundreds of years Concordia Hall has existed, no one has taken a picture of it.

lottery numbers.

Students soon followed suit with these trailblazers by opting out of plans to join suites in Riverview or the revived Donahue in favor of the antiquidated, miniature singles and doubles of Concordia. The building's 180 spaces were fully reserved in a matter of minutes.

with lottery Those numbers from 181 to 2800 say they were left clueless as to why they were unable to select Concordia and where they will live next year.

"I was looking forward Fox?" he asked. to nothing but a brick building to live in and

not having a fancy bathroom to clean, but I guess I'll have to settle for Riverview," the student with lottery number 247, who wished to remain anonymous.

"Can I move back to

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Smokers vs. segway cops: The last battle*

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student, stating, "This is a smoke-free campus. Step off campus now or you will be escorted immediately."

Witnesses say the student responded only by blowing smoke towards the officer defiantly. The officer then accelerated on his T3 Patroller, ordering again for the smoker to step off campus. A crowd had already begun to swarm the area and watched as the smoker took off with the segway at his

heels. Emily, a UMass LOL student mated the vehicle's braking abilities who saw the chase occur, claimed, "The officer was going so fast. When he drove around the corner, he even drifted and touched his hand on the ground. I didn't even know a segway could physically drift."

The pursuit ended with the student finally reaching the Broadway Street sidewalk, just off campus. The T3 cop stopped immediately, but underestiand fell off the side.

Many students have become concerned for their safety with the increased patrol in the area. Professors and students alike have also found the patrolling to be more disruptive than smoking on campus. When the pursuit occurred, many students crowded around windows to watch. Students were cheering loudly for both the student and Officer Roland alike.

Michael, also a UMass LOL student, felt extremely concerned over what happened. "What's next?" he said, "Officers on stilts, overlooking everything we do? Hoverboard cops? I should feel safe walking to class every day, not worry that a segway cop is gonna fly outta nowhere and hunt me down just because I vape."

When asked about this accusation, Officer Roland appeared flustered: "It isn't even a Segway, it's a T3 Patroller. Why does everyone think it's the same thing?" he retorted with a red face. He refused to give any further information. Chief Ted Flannery also clarified, "We don't care about vapes, either. Everyone vapes. We just can't look the other way anymore when stu-



"It's a T3 Patroller, for the last time," says segway cop.

dents choose such a dated way to feed their addiction. I mean, look at all the juice flavors they have now. This one is called Purple Martian," the Chief paused to take a deep inhale from his vape. "It tastes kind of like cough syrup," he said, exhaling.

Chief Flannery also pondered the possibilities of stilt-cops for a moment. He shook his head slowly. "We don't have that in our budget," he concluded, taking another drag.



"Stairs are a segway cop's worst enemy," says smoker. "Remember that."



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT-

Steve Harvey swipes Leo's Oscar

The Sealion
DisConnector Staff

Beloved Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio had his highly sought after golden statuette rescinded by the Academy of Arts and Sciences on Sunday morning. The award, which DiCaprio supposedly won for his performance in "The Revenant," was taken back after comedian Steve Harvey came clean that he had not read the right name while presenting the award during the 88th Academy Awards.

Agents from the Academy of Arts and Sciences were dispatched to Di-Caprio's Hollywood home after Harvey's confession. Upon arrival, they entered the premises and pried the award out of DiCaprio's hands. The award was then given to the intended winner—Jamie Dornan for his performance as Christian Grey in "Fifty

Shades of Grey."

In his acceptance speech for the award, Dorian had this to say: "It's a real honor to join the likes of such acclaimed actors as Matthew McConaughey, Forrest Whittaker, and Jamie Fox in stealing an Oscar from Di-Caprio. I'm honestly just as surprised as all of you. Even I thought "Fifty Shades" was pretty bad!"

While saddened about the loss of the award, Leonardo DiCaprio is motivated to win another one, this time for real. "I am very disheartened about what happened," DiCaprio told reporters mere hours after the Oscar had been removed from his possession. "I'd been striving for that award for more than a decade, and I finally had it." Instead of looking at the situation pessimistically, DiCaprio vowed to win another Oscar for real this time. "I pushed myself to the limit with my performance in 'The Revenant.' I'll have to transcend that. More shouting and grunting in an even more severe climate. I think I can manage that."

Steve Harvey also spoke about the incident on Anderson Cooper. "I feel terrible. One time is an awkward accident, but two times is an absolute em-

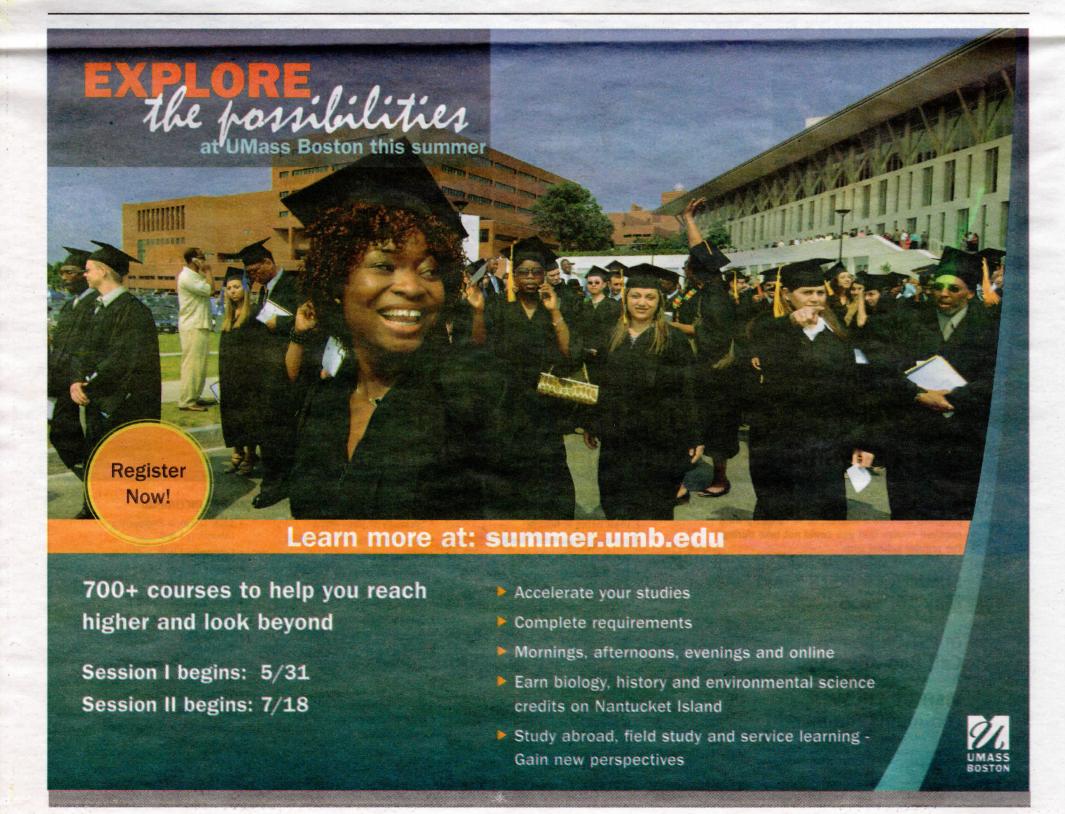
barrassment. I owe a massive apology to Leo and Kevin for the mix up." He concluded his interview with a promise to Anderson. "I swear to you, Bill, that an incident like this won't happen again on my watch." When asked how he was able to make the mistake at all since he wasn't the one who presented the award, Harvey responded by distracting us with a smoke bomb before escaping out a nearby window. The acclaimed comedian hasn't been seen in public since.

In hopes of winning another award, DiCaprio has signed onto ten new movies so far. For the time being however, there already appears to be a happy ending in site for the famous actor. At the time of this writing, DiCaprio's been contacted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation with plans to provide him with an honorary Oscar. A spokesman for the group has called the initiative, "Operation Never Let Go Jack."

Contributions to this article were made by longtime DisConnector correspondent, Ted Sterling.



Dicaprio pictured with a paper mache Oscar he made to fill the void.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Smash Bros.' release patch just for Bayonetta

Roy Isourboy DisConnector Editor

Nintendo turned heads in the gaming scene with their most recent patch for Super Smash Bros for Wii U/3DS. Commonly referred to as Sm4sh, patch 1.1.6 was exclusively for the character Bayonetta. All of the characters moves were nerfed. They all do less damage, have smaller hitboxes, and her After Burner attack has much higher knockback, so it can no longer lead into an extended combo.

Masahiro Sakurai, the creator of the Super Smash Bros Series, demanded the patch after watching a Youtube clip of a Sm4sh player performing a "0 to death" combo on an opponent, where Bayonetta began her After Burner combo from the start of the match and did not let the opponent respond until his stock was taken. Sakurai later fainted and was rushed to a nearby Tokyo hospital.

Sakurai issued a statement on the patch after recovering from his ordeal. He intimated that he never meant for this to happen when he created the character.

"I personally apologize to anyone who has lost to a Bayonetta, in tournament or in friendly matches," said Sakurai.

The patch has left the Sm4sh community divided. Many have applauded Sakurai for his attempt to make a more balanced game. One player who has been dropped in the first round of previous tournaments to Bayonetta mains is thankful for the patch because he is "winning again." There are now talks

of erecting a statue of Sakurai outside of the venue for next year's Genesis Tournament.

Several top players have expressed their gratitude via social media. Recently, players including Zero, Void, Mr. R and Rain have began a Twitter handle #SheikIsTopTierAgain. Mew2King, a prominent Bayonetta main, surprisingly expressed approval of the patch as well. He has since dropped Bayonetta, and is unsure who he will bring out next tourna-



Sakurai seen above preparing to fight off all the haters. ment. "The patch didn't really bother me, since I already main every character," said Mew2King, who may pick his next character at random.

Not everyone in the Sm4sh community is as pleased with the patch, however. In fact, Bayonetta mains across the world are protesting the alterations to the character. One former Bayonetta main has been quoted as saying he "wasted his \$5.99 for

nothing now." Many fans of the character have quit playing Sm4sh for altoghether in favor of a "fair game," like Super Smash Bros Brawl, where former Bayonetta mains have been using Meta Knight. Some have even resorted to learning Fox in Super Smash Bros Melee.

A focus group of Bayonetta mains recently grouped together to test out new top tier characters to use. None were well received by the group. Many players found Cloud to be a "tough character to use." One particular player said, "Cloud takes forever to take stocks. Final touch kill at like 90%, that's way too high."

Shiek, a character many feel is now top tier again, was also unliked by the group at large. Shiek has the ability to engage the opponent into forward air strings that results in a lot of damage, but the former bayonetta mains said this was "too difficult" and required "Mélee like tech skill." None of this group even played Rosalina and Luma either, claiming that she did not look cool or that she had a lot of kill power.

In response to the backlash, Sakurai relayed a message to the Sm4sh community. "There is no need for players to drop Bayonetta after this patch," said Sakurai. "Her final smash is still very powerful."



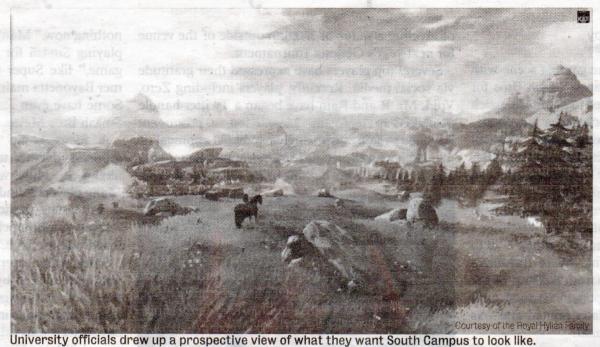
McGauvran Center to turn to grassy space for vegetarians

Penjamin St. Bierre DisConnector Staff

Unsatisfied with the final appearance and ultimate utility of the McGauvran Center. UMass Lowell has decided to tear the dining hall and student complex down.

The new aim for the location is to become additional green space for south campus, adjacent to the green space being added via the demolition of the old Mill City Din-

"Our intention is to create a larger green space on south. Creating a more open experience for our student body will directly result in our students feeling healthier and less stressed," said an unnamed UML official when pressed for comment. "Additionally, the increased green area will serve as a lovely grazing ground for our sizeable vegetarian and vegan population. The land that used to be occupied by the old dining halls



can now serve our herbivores in an easier and more direct

manner."

When asked what the purpose of the McGauvran renovations were if they planned on demolishing the building anyway, the official responded with "We have to spend our money on something!!!"

But another source, not at all associated with UML officials, and who can only be referred to as "Sweaty Phil" due to wanting to remain anonymous, detailed more nefarious reasoning behind the university's desire to dismantle the newly refurbished student center.

In a series of encrypted emails, Sweaty Phil said that officials are "...planning on purposely starving south campus students to bring undivided attention to north majors... STEM majors." When asked for clarification and evidence, he stopped responding.

Whatever the true rea-

soning may be, though, the McGauvran Center will be destroyed in its infancy; torn down before being able to accumulate many battle scars, if any; dismantled before it had the chance to achieve as much fame as the Pantheon or Roman Coliseum.

No further announcements about new dining areas have been made, so it stands as likely that the McGauvran location will indeed be turned into a grassy area. Coupled with the Mill City location, the size of the open space will increase, as was promised, and this will greatly benefit the grass-savvy vegetarian and vegan population of south campus.

But whether or not this move leads to the demise of south campus remains to be seen.

Art major finds financially sound career

Kessica Jergo

The only thing that excites college students more than alcohol is the mountains of debt awaiting them post-graduation. In fact, around 20.2 million American, young adults struggle profusely through college so they can join in on the thrill of paying off loans for the next 15 years of their lives. Four years cannot fly by soon enough for the masses of students eagerly waiting to sell their souls to the workforce in order to pay off their averaging \$30,000 worth of debt. It is generally accepted that the success rates of college grads at paying off their student loans varies greatly depending on the degree they have earned.

Art majors typically find a way to become even more financially tunities, any success story involving an art student who has miraculously found a sustainable job after college is cause for celebration. That is precisely the case for art student, James Torres who, has already begun his job in the artistic field. "The key is to somehow become well-known before you die" says the soon-to-be college grad. Most individuals in the art profession are coincidentally dead by the time their work achieves revered status. For this reason, families of newly deceased artists are often easily and fully consoled by the large fortune drawn up from the recently discovered talent of their lost loved one. Unfortunately for James' family, he will probably be spending his earnings on himself.

Entry level positions for those with a degree in art almost never amount to the respect and appreciation of James's newly acquired gig. His average annual salary of \$46, 258 is a lot more promising than a typical job in fine arts. James complains that "People always seem to think of art as a waste of time and money but that's simply not the case". When he and his friends are not providing affirmation of each other's work, he is actively judging non-art majors who "just don't get" his unique and enlightening lifestyle.

James explains that, though people may see art as an insignificant aspect of society and more destitute than the standard college of a hobby than a career, the hard grad. With an average annual sala- work and dedication that he has ry of \$35,800 and scarce job oppor- already demonstrated at his new job is something that most people in the workforce will never experience. "It involves a lot of long nights. I always wake up exhausted with glitter everywhere". James believes that glitter could prove to be the most stressful aspect of his job. He also claims that his time in college and degree in art has afforded him with the necessary people skills and social interaction he uses daily. James Torres hopes to open the eyes of those who witness his unique art form. Any individual over the age of 18 is welcome to experience James' exotic dancing at Men in Motion in Boston.



SPORTS

Patriots sign mysterious free agent quarterback

@KGaud123 DisConnector Editor

While fans mourned the loss of beloved quarterback Tom Brady to a four game suspension as a result of the ongoing Deflategate saga, Bill Belichick and the Patriots front office have already filled the hole on the roster.

In a statement released by the team via Twitter, the Pats have welcomed free agent quarterback Bom Trady to an

odd four-game contract.

"We have been watching Bom for some time now," said owner Robert Kraft. "He's certainly been on our radar, and with what happened in the courts, we felt now was the perfect time to bring him in and see what he has."

At 38, Trady is admittedly a late-bloomer when it comes to football, but his listed 6'4" body-frame should allow him to see over defenses. Those close to the team report Trady as having an "immaculate jawline," but are thrown off by a walrus-like, almost fake-looking mustache.

"He's an excellent passer, decision-maker and a fan of the Rolling Stones," snorted Belichick during a post-practice interview.

Asked if Trady's uncanny resemblance to the former quarterback factored into the signing, Belichick responded, "I don't like shopping for teamquarterbacks...or groceries. We're on to Arizona."

Trady claims to have taken a decade-long sabbatical from football due to a, "Intense and excruciating expedition in search of revenge on my arch nemesis Meyton Panning." Trady would not reveal what Panning did to cause such a rift, and refused to identify where and at what level he played college.

"Certainly not Michigan," said Trady. "That place is terrible. It's probably the worst college in the country. Why would anyone willingly want to go there, even on a football scholarship?"

Despite Trady's mysterious and convenient appearance, early reports from camp are extremely positive.

"Trady's throwing darts dude," said receiver Julian Edelman. "It's like he knows exactly where I'm going to cut on the field. He hits me every time. We've only been

working together few days, but the chemistry is already there. It's like we've been

mates

since when I got drafted back in 2009 or something. He's magical. It probably comes from that jaw-line."

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"It makes your job a lot easier knowing you have a quarterback that has the command of the offense like he does," said linebacker Jamie Collins. "He came in here day one and just absolutely lit it up. Everyone immediately saw his jaw line and was like 'whoa,' and then he just started slinging the football to anyone within 50 yards."

During a break in practice, Trady was seen sitting off to the side holding a 'world's greatest quarterback' lunchbox. While the rest of the team rushed to rehydrate with water, Trady reportedly snacked on some avocado ice cream.

"It is what it is," said still backup quarterback Jimmy Garoppollo. "I thought I was finally going to get my shot,

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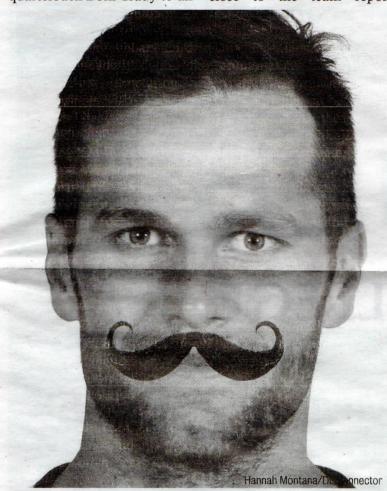
MLax at Lowell High

but Bom is legit. Some jawlines you just don't want to compete with. Besides, now I can keep staring at girls in the crowd instead of having to worry about playing."

The Patriots face an early test Week One when the head to Arizona to face a strong defensive unit. The next three games are at home, but they feature teams with strong defensive lines that can get after the quarterback in the Dolphins, Texans and Bills re-

"I just want to hold it down and play well until that other guy gets back," said Trady. "This will be fun for me, but I'm definitely retiring after the four games are done - if Roger Goodell doesn't suspend me first for something stupid like breathing that is."

"Bom is the bomb man, don't worry about us," said Edelman. "It's like Tom never left."



A headshot of the Patriots new quarterback Bom Trady.

JMass LOL hockey accidentally becomes Division II

Hannah Montana DisConnector Editor

In a stunning press release, it was announced that the UMass LOL's men's ice hockey team will become a Division II sport due to a paperwork mishap. It will be the second time that the hockey team will be a DII sport. They won three national championships in four years as a DII team, and that grand prize has eluded them ever since.

"I will have to look at the tapes in order to see the process at hand here," said Head Coach Storm Blazin in a press conference held in front of a trash can. "Nevertheless, I am not happy with the effort that went into this."

This news comes as a shock to fans who just saw their hockey team deliver a swift and unrelentless victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday afternoon. D.J. Sixth scored twelve goals, an unheard of quadruple hat trick, in order to send them slinking back to Canada. The 20-2 victory was seen as a turning point for the River Hawks, an opportunity to turn their attention to the destruction of the rest of the NCAA.

The campus police pored over surveillance video for hours, apparently not having any chain smokers

to chase off of campus. They compiled their findings into a twelve page document which they made available to the press by an email with the topic line: "A Mysterious Visitor Broke Into The Athletics Office. You Won't Believe What Happens Next."



A police sketch of the mysterious...thing.

In the video, one can see a six foot something of unidentifiable species. They appeared to be wearing only a belt and an unbudging smile. A feature of note is their large beak, which must be some new-fangled fashion trend.

Fingers immediately pointed to Rowdy, the River Hawk's mascot, who is a passionate fan of UMass Lowell sports. Rowdy could not be reached for comment, because he is a mascot and therefore cannot speak.

UMass Lowell players were unbothered over their team's demotion.

"We're just gonna keep playing our game," said Snow Gambardella. "We were joking around in the locker room about it. This is no big deal."

It's a little bit of a big deal. With the controversy surrounding the circumstances, it will be interesting to see how the River Hawks rebound in their new

They will play the North Dakota State University of North Dakota - Southeast Campus Hockey Players for their first game of their DII season. Tickets for their inevitable Frozen Four appearance are on sale in the Tsongas Center.

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